

REMARKS

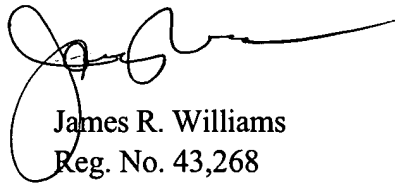
The claims have been amended to comply with U.S. practice. The amended claims eliminate multiple dependent claims, indefinite claims, numerical references, and include antecedent basis for all claimed elements. Claims 12-19, 22-23 correspond to original claim 1-8, 10-11, respectively. Original claim 9 has been divided into new claim 20 and 21. No new matter has been added.

In view of the above, Applicants believe that the amended specification and claims conform to standard U.S. practice, and are now in condition for allowance. Applicants request consideration and allowance of the amended claims 12-23.

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